



# News from 10,000 Feet!

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**Bryce Haderlie,**  
**Brian Head Town Manager**

## **Town Manager's Message**

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Pendleton Building and the mild Fall weather this year, the construction of Brian Head Town's Public Safety Building is right on schedule. The building is nearing completion – just in time for winter! This building is big enough to house several fire trucks, an ambulance, police trucks, and other emergency vehicles (i.e. snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.). It has an area to store records, offices for the Public Safety Officers, and a meeting room with a kitchen for other entities to use. Hopefully, we can encourage State, County, and local groups to hold meetings there. This will bring in business for our local hotels and restaurants too! We invite everyone to come and tour the new facility.

## **Open House for New Public Safety Building**

An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at which time the public is invited to come and take a tour of the new facility. The ribbon-cutting will take place at 10 a.m. and the open house will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donuts and hot chocolate will be served. Please come and check out the new building!



**Old Public Safety Building –  
Summer 2011**



**New Public Safety Building  
(Construction in Progress)**

## **Town Tidbits**

- We want to remind everyone to always drive safely! During heavy snow, four-wheel drive vehicles or chains on regular vehicles are required when coming from Parowan to Brian Head. Also, when driving this road, you need to stay extra focused – please no texting and driving or even talking on cell-phones. Remember to have a designated driver if you have been drinking. We'll do our part to keep you safe, if you'll do yours!
- For Brian Head's steep elevation and snow-fall, it is best to use standard tire chains on your vehicles when driving up and down our mountain. The roller-type chains can't seem to get a good grip on the slick roads and don't seem to work as well!
- Brian Head Town would like to thank the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for keeping Highway 143 plowed in a timely manner all winter long. We also appreciate our Public Works crew for plowing the streets in our Town. Because of our geography, elevation, and weather, this is a full-time winter job for the crews. Our Public Safety Officers keep busy too – assisting tourists and locals who slide off the roads in the winter!

## Highway 14 Closure/Town Accommodations

(by Betty Phelan)

Highway 14 has been closed west of Cedar City since October 2011 due to a massive landslide. It will be months before Highway 14 will reopen. As a result, many residents of Mammoth Creek, Duck Creek, and Swains Creek are driving Highway 143 through Brian Head to access their cabins. We welcome these visitors and want to encourage them to stop in Brian Head and enjoy the many attractions we have here.

**Snowmobilers** will be happy with the 8 designated parking areas specifically for snowmobiles. These parking areas access all trails out of Brian Head and will be kept clear for easy parking. There will be maps at all businesses in Brian Head and at the Town Hall.

**Cross country skiers** will have 2 parking areas just for cross country skiers. One area is across from the Maintenance Yard on the west side of Highway 143 and the other is at the Rattlesnake trail head near the Cedar Breaks National Monument entrance. The new map will be available at all businesses and the Town Hall.

Don't forget all the great restaurants and lounges we have here in Brian Head! **Cedar Breaks Lodge** offers the Cedar Breaks Cafe, Black Diamond Steak House, and Cedar Breaks Bar & Grill. **The Grand Lodge at Brian Head** has Lenny's Steakhouse and The Lift Bar & Patio. There are dining outlets at both Navajo and Giant Steps Lodges. At the Mall, enjoy **Pizzano's Pizza** or **Casa de Amigos** Mexican food. **Mi Pueblo** (Highway 143) also has great Mexican cuisine!

If you want to stay overnight in Brian Head, there are many contacts for accommodations: Brian Head Condo Reservations, Lori's Luxury Rentals, Aspens Rental, Brian Head Reservation Center, Georg's Ski Shop & Lodging, in addition to Cedar Breaks Lodge and the Grand Lodge at Brian Head.

There are two General Stores in Brian Head; Apple Annie's and the Brian Head General Store.

If you need any sports equipment, there are many stores in Brian Head that will help get you outfitted; Thunder Mountain Sports, High Mountain Outfitters, Brian Head Sports, and Georg's Ski Shop.

There are two spots to purchase fuel – the Town Hall has a 24-hour gas pump (credit card only) and Thunder Mountain Sports has fuel as well for snowmobiles and ATVs.

Don't forget, Brian Head Resort will be offering night skiing on weekends and the tubing hill is fun for all ages. For more information about night skiing and the tubing hill, check out [www.brianhead.com](http://www.brianhead.com).

Whether you are a Brian Head resident, homeowner, or a visitor, plan on enjoying all the wonderful activities Brian Head has to offer.

## Newly Elected Town Council Members

Two Council members were elected into office at the November 8<sup>th</sup> election this year! 80 ballots were mailed and 54 were received, which gave Brian Head a 67.5% voter turn-out. Jim Ortler, incumbent, received 28.85% of the votes. Second was Larry Freeberg, who received 25% of the votes. The race was very close with only a couple of votes separating the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place candidates! Thanks to all candidates who participated in this year's election.

We wish to thank out-going Council member Stewart Fausett for his years of dedicated service and his contributions in making Brian Head a better place to live.

## Great Tips for Winter Driving

(borrowed from the Internet)

Winter is here! Try these tried and true tips for winter driving:

**Keep your headlights clear** with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. IT contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights – lasts 6 weeks.

**Squeak-proof your wipers** with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence and clarity.

**Ice-proof your windows** with vinegar! Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water – preventing water from freezing!

**Prevent car doors from freezing shut** with cooking oil spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

**Fog-proof your windshield** with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

**De-ice your lock in seconds** with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock and the problem is solved!

### Brian Head Town's Form of Government

Brian Head Town has a Council-Manager form of government. There are only six cities and towns in the State of Utah that have this form of government (West Valley City, Orem City, Cottonwood Heights, West Jordan City, Holladay City, and Brian Head Town). In Utah, the majority of other forms of Government give the Mayor most responsibilities. Ours form of government gives all administrative and most executive powers, with the advice and consent of the Council, to the Town Manager. Brian Head Town, along with all other "towns" in the State, has a five-member Council – the Mayor and four Council members. All five Council members, including the Mayor, are voting members. The Mayor's role in the Town is to Chair the Council meetings, be the chief ceremonial officer (he is authorized to conduct weddings), and represent the Town at public gatherings. The Town Manager is the Town's chief executive officer who oversees all Town employees and is the liaison between the Town Council, public, and Town employees.



From left to right: Nancy Leigh, Alice Rogers, Bryce Haderlie, Cecilia Johnson

### Brian Head Town Administrative Department

There are four employees that make up the Town's Administrative Department: Bryce Haderlie, Town Manager, Nancy Leigh, Town Clerk/Recorder; Cecilia Johnson, Town Treasurer; and Alice Rogers, Town Receptionist.

Town Manager, Bryce Haderlie, has been with Brian Head Town since January 24, 2005. In May of this year he received his Master's Degree in Public Administration. Among his many duties he executes and enforces laws and ordinances and sees that all contracts, leases, permits, etc. granted by the municipality are observed; he appoints, with

the advice and consent of the Council, a recorder, treasurer, engineer, attorney and board members of municipal boards such as the Planning Commission; and he is required to attend all Town Council meetings to report on and take part in Council matters, without having the right to vote on the issues. The Town Manager is also currently taking on the responsibilities of the Town Building Inspector.

Nancy Leigh has been the Town Clerk/Recorder for the past six years. She first started with Brian Head Town as the Town Recorder/Court Clerk from 1983 through 1986. She served on the Town Council for two and ½ years prior to becoming the Town Clerk/Recorder. Some of her responsibilities are: taking minutes of Council meetings; business license official; accounts payable clerk; records officer; election officer; and she countersigns and tracks all contracts made on behalf of the Town. She is also responsible to attest the Mayor's signature on all Town documents and swear in newly appointed and elected officials. These are her main duties but she has several other assigned duties too. Nancy is a Certified Business License Official and is currently serving as a Board member of the Utah Business License Association. She also served on the Education committee for the Utah Municipal Clerks' Association and, this past year, received the distinguished Certified Municipal Clerk award. Nancy has served as President, and is currently Vice President, of the Southwest Utah Regional Clerks' Association. She is also a State Park & Recreation Certified Snowmobile and ATV instructor.

Cecilia Johnson has been the Brian Head Town Treasurer for the past three years. She has been appointed as the budget officer and is responsible to see that the budget stays balanced. Other duties include: payroll clerk; human resource officer (keeps track of all personnel issues, insurance claims, etc.); collects and receipts all funds for the Town and makes timely deposits; signs all checks from the Town; pays all bond payments and keeps track of all bank accounts.

Alice Rogers, Town Receptionist, has worked for Brian Head Town since January 1, 2007. She answers phones; helps and directs visitors; is the Town party planner for special occasions and City functions; archives Town Records, creates Town scrapbooks, oversees the Town's web-site, and assists other departments as needed.

The Administrative staff offices are located in the Town Hall at 56 North Highway 143. Please stop by with any questions you may have. The office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday! The staff would like to say, "thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve the residents and visitors of this wonderful community!"



**Fun pictures of Brian Head!**



**Fall - September 2011**



**Fall - September 2011**



**October 6, 2011**



**Fall - September 2011**



**A Winter's Day in Brian Head**



**December 1, 2011**



### Brian Head Events December 2011

*(contact the Brian Head Chamber of Commerce at 888-677-2810 for more information on events)*

Here come the Holidays and Brian Head has many fun activities to make your holiday a memorable one!

**December 13 (Tuesday)** – Open House at the new Public Safety/Fire Station Building. The public is invited to come take a tour that day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**December 24 (Saturday)** - Christmas Eve Bonfire & S'mores. Enjoy the bonfire while drinking hot cocoa and eating yummy s'mores. Free, Free, Free! Come see Santa! Time: 6 pm. Location: Brian Head Town Fire Station

**December 31 (Saturday)** - New Year's Eve Fireworks & Torchlight Parade. Skiers gracefully glide down the slopes of the Brian Head Resort - followed by a dazzling fireworks display & New Year's Eve party. Contact 435-677-2035 for more info. or go to [www.brianhead.com](http://www.brianhead.com). Time: 6 pm (dark) Location: Giant Steps Lodge

We would like to wish everyone a **SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!** Please come and join as at Brian Head where there are lots of activities planned, lots of snow planned and lots of fun memories to be made!

*-Mayor Deutschlander, Town Council, and Town Employees*

### Other Holiday Events at Brian Head

**Brian Head Ski Resort** is planning the following special events:

**Christmas Extravaganza:** Saturday, December 17, 2011

**New Years Eve Party:** Saturday, December 31, 2011

**Learn to Ski Special:** January 7 & 8, 21 & 22, 28 & 29, 2012. For only \$39 novice skiers/ snowboarders can have a lesson, rent equipment, and use Lifts 4 and 6 at Navajo Lodge!! This offer is for those over age 13 and new to the sport. Check out [www.brianhead.com](http://www.brianhead.com) for more information and don't miss the new webcam!!



**The Grand Lodge** has a busy entertainment schedule including:

**Friday & Saturday December 16 & 17, 2011:** Live Band "Eye 15"

**Sunday –Thursday December 18 to 22, 2011:** Karaoke Kevin & Open Microphone

**Friday, December 23, 2011:** Live Band "The Two Timers"

**Saturday, December 24:** Live Band "Love Creature"

**Friday, December 30, 2011:** Live Band "Muddy Boots"

**Saturday December 31, 2011:** New Year's Eve Party with "Muddy Boots"

Check out [www.grandlodgebrianhead.com](http://www.grandlodgebrianhead.com) for more info and updates!!



**Cedar Breaks Lodge** has the following fun events:

Come to our **Open House December 2-4, 2011** in celebration of the Resort improvements made at Cedar Breaks Lodge. Welcome reception Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9 pm. Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> offers a full day of door prizes, tours, villa walk, discounts in the Spa and Gift Shop, food samplings, children's activities, and live entertainment.

For our Christmas/ New Year events check out [www.cedarbreakslodge.com](http://www.cedarbreakslodge.com)



### New Runaway Ramp on Highway 143

A new runaway truck ramp has been constructed this year on Highway 143 (between Brian Head and Parowan). The 12-mile drive between Brian Head and Parowan is the steepest stretch of road in the entire State of Utah! It has a 13% grade. The descent from Brian Head to Parowan goes from an elevation of 10,000 feet to 6,000 feet. Just 6 more miles up the canyon, at the highest peak, the elevation is 10,567 feet! As you can imagine, breaks heat up and get hot for large trucks. Based on accident statistics, the Utah Department of Transportation decided it was time to build a new runaway ramp.

JP Excavating was hired to construct the ramp and it was completed in September 2011. It was used a couple of weeks later by a dump truck (*see pictures below*)!

Due to the closure of Highway 14 (that goes from Cedar City to Brian Head and Duck Creek), which was caused by a huge landslide a few months ago, the Parowan to Brian Head Road will be a lot busier this year! Thanks to the foresight of the Utah Department of Transportation, it will be reassuring to know there is a runaway ramp going down our Canyon! Hopefully, it won't need to be used much but it will help to know that it is there. Thanks UDOT!



October 3, 2011/ Truck on Run-way Ramp



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**A rare Annular Eclipse of the Sun will be taking place in May 2012! Watch for important information on this event in the March 2012 Town newsletter!**

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### Report from Public Works Department

The Town water projects are moving along. Grimshaw Drilling has completed the new Town well. They drilled 1,500 feet and Brian Head now has lots of water! Red Canyon Construction is currently installing water lines from the well to the new million gallon water tank. After this is completed, Carter Enterprises will finish constructing the new well pump house.

We try to slurry-seal a few roads each year. This helps to extend the lives of the roads! The following roads have been slurry-sealed in Brian Head Town this year: Bristlecone Drive, lower half of Ridge View, Leslie Lane, Zion View Drive, and Town Hall parking lot.

A cement floor has been poured at the cold storage building located by the Town's Public Works shop (*see photo below*). Walls are being installed to help keep the snow out. This will make it so much easier for storing equipment. Our Town will not only be storing our own equipment, but will be storing equipment for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the U S Parks Service, and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) this winter while Highway 14 is closed.



Brian Head Cold Storage Building - 2011